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OF

ACUTE AND CHRONIC DISEASES,

BY

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Read this Journal, and after you have
done so give to the afflicted.

A LADIES' ATTENDANT FOR THE LADIES

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*Not any Medicine whatever is used to alleviate or
cure Disease.*



CURE OF DIPHTHERIA.

DICKELS' RIDING ACADEMY,
441 Fifth Avenue, New York, March 12, 1877. }

DR. DE KRAFT:—

Dear Doctor—It is with very great pleasure that I am able to testify to your mode of treating disease, and the efficacy of it to cure diseased conditions without any medicine whatsoever. On last New Year's day I was at once taken with Diphtheria affection of the worst sort; so much so that I could not take any food whatsoever. My throat seemed to be literary stopped up. I could not talk, and could scarcely respire. All my friends thought that I could not live (and I thought so, too). They telegraphed to my sister in Connecticut to come on at once, if she wanted to see me alive. Under this condition I applied to you; but I did so with the expectation to get medicine. As you were not at your office, being called away, your assistant attended to me, and he seemed to know at once what to do; and instead of giving me medicine, what I expected, I was treated with Galvanism and Electricity. At any other time I should have objected to being treated so; but I had no choice; I was in danger of being choked every minute, and there was no alternative. I submitted at once, and after the first treatment I felt very much better; and about six hours after I had an application of Galvanism and was after that treatment entirely cured. Altogether I have been ten hours under your treatment. It was indeed wonderful. Every one of my friends was astonished—I myself most of all. I speak of your mode of treatment with enthusiasm, and I have not a doubt but that you can cure many hard cases otherwise incurable. There are many thousands of people who do not believe in Electric Treatment; in fact they are crying it down as of no account; and I was, perhaps, one of the number; but now I am convinced that it is good, and a remedy against disease. I am willing to bear testimony, and you can have me referred to at any time; and I am convinced in my own case that you can cure more sick people by your mode of treatment, and save more lives by it than any other physician in this city; and hope that this letter will encourage you to go on triumphantly to conquer the worst foe to human existence.

I am, dear sir, yours, respectfully,

THOMAS DE BOE.

Sworn to before me, this 14th }
day of March, 1877.

WM. M. THOMAS, Notary Public, N. Y. County.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24, 1881,
132 Liberty Street.

DR. DE KRAFT, 30 W. 30th Street, City.

DEAR SIR:—When I came to you 15 months ago I was lame and sick—now I am entirely well and can enjoy life again.

As you know, I am an old man. Most men at my age are ailing and sick the greater part of their days—I was so too, before I came to you. For several years sciatica rheumatism had been in my system, and in consequence was very much run down in bodily health and strength. I employed several physicians, and when I came to you I had had 8 different doctors, but they exhibited their skill all to not any purpose. I continued very lame while under their treatment. I was also advised to apply Electricity, and I did do it, but without results. Finally, I heard of you just by chance, although I had given up the idea of employing any more doctors, yet you were spoken of as an authority in Electropathy, and as having made good cures in hard cases of long standing, I came to you to hear what you had to say; as I had not made up my mind entirely to take treatments. After talking to you and giving you the history of my case, you explained matters to me in such a way as to my lame condition, and how it ought to be treated, that I came to the point of having a diagnosis made by you. After that it was clear in my mind that you were the right physician to cure my sciatica rheumatism.

You have kept your word and your promise to cure me; although you laid severe restrictions upon me, and your advice as regards eating and drinking almost too severe; yet I kept to the rules laid down by you, until you relaxed upon them as I improved, and by degrees under your guidance and skill I was enabled to conquer my trouble, and now do enjoy perfect health in my old age, and now can conscientiously say that I owe this great blessing to you and to your great skill in Electropathy—without it I was considered incurable.

I wish you to publish this certificate in your pamphlet, so that others who are now down in health (old and young) may see it and take courage; that there is still help when other treatment by medicines has failed, and that there is still hope (when you say so) when all hope of recovery has vanished; this was my last. I have sent to you several severe cases, all of them you conquered also, all were extreme cases.

I recommend you strongly to all afflicted with disease.

Ever yours truly,

JOHN H. GROES.

STATE OF NEW YORK. }
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss:

On this 24th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, before me personally came and appeared, John H. Groes, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing and acknowledged that he executed the same.

ANDREW F. MCNICOLE,
Notary Public, (23) N. Y. County.

NEW YORK CITY,
November, 1882.

TO THE READER!



I announce the granting of a charter to my Institute under the laws of the State of New York, (March, 1877).

This act makes it the *only* and *first* Chartered Institute of Galvano-Electrical Science and art of healing without medicine in the State of New York, and the second one in the United States, the first one being situated in the City of Philadelphia.

Various difficult and troublesome diseases have come under my care and treatment. Many I have been able to cure permanently, many I could only relieve and benefit, and it was only a few cases which could not be relieved or benefitted at all.

Thus far I am able to report progress in my work of healing the sick, and bringing health and happiness to many afflicted with chronic disease. Many came from foreign lands, more from our own country, still many more from this city.

The children have also received proper care and treatment. Diphtheria, the ravager of the household, the destroyer that comes into the nursery, has found at last an opposition in the shape of a remedy—a *sure, quick, cure*. By my mode of application, many have been saved; old and young have enjoyed the benefit of this great force and power.

I do give a few names and residences of my former patients, who have kindly allowed me to use the cases contained in this paper. I have also the privilege of giving other names and addresses to any one who would desire them, but only for the purpose of inquiry to the *afflicted*, who wish to satisfy themselves as to the correctness of the cures made by my mode of treatment.

In issuing a publication like this one, the objects are two-fold, first: to diffuse a more correct knowledge of the practice to the general public, and second: to direct the sick and afflicted with chronic disease to avail themselves of the treatment to bring back *health*, and if possible, *happiness*.

How often do we hear in every-day practice, the exclamation, "I have tried every known remedy, I have had the best doctors, I have been to different climes, but nothing has done me any permanent good, I am ready to give up doctors and medicines." Perhaps another one may say, "I have a battery at home, and if there is any virtue in it, I will get it out by making

the applications myself, and save the expense of going to the doctor.' There is a third who says, "I have a friend who heard from another friend who tried the battery and had it applied by a doctor, and it did not do him any good." Some such thoughts in the minds of the suffering find expression, and who can blame them? The best the sufferers can do is to try again, although many times disappointed in finding the right remedy, he might be able to find it at last in this "plain, simple thing." The proper diagnosis is the thing, and the knowledge to use the proper current is a matter of experience and scientific research.

No random mode of applying Electricity ever has, or ever will, prove successful; and no one is competent to treat disease till he can make a correct Electrical diagnosis, and thoroughly understand the operations of Electricity in the different conditions of the body, and the distinctive influences of the two polarities.

Office hours for consultation are from 8 o'clock, morning, to 8 o'clock, evening.

DOCTOR dé KRAFT, 30 W. 30th St., New York.

Galvano-Electrical Science.

TEN years have passed since I started my practice on a foundation to treat the sick and afflicted without giving medicine inwardly as a remedy—using only as a means of alleviation and cure the Galvanic and Electric current. How I have succeeded in doing it, I have facts to show; many cures made, many more relieved of complicated diseases which were pronounced "not within the reach of medicine." The proof to cure disease radically and permanently by Galvano-Electro Therapeutics, can not any longer be questioned—many years of research have placed the science on the highest standard in the healing art of the medical practice. Great minds of our own generation, and of a former generation also have written on this most important subject. Learned gentlemen in the old and new world, have given their quota, and have contributed to the establishment on a sure foundation of this great force and power. I refer to the writings and works of Remak, Meyer, Benedict and Helmholtz, of Germany; of du Bois, Raymond, Bequarelle, Duchenne of France, of Althaus and Reynolds of England; of Beard and Rockwell, Morgan, Garret, and Hammond of the United States. The more enlightened the general public becomes on the topic of Electrotherapeutics, the better it will be both for the *practitioner and the public*, because in the first place it will do away with prejudices now existing, and in the second it will prevent the taking of so much medicine as a remedy against disease, and, as a consequence, Electrical Science will be more employed to establish the facts on the basis of a remedy. The

great circle of diseases treated by this great power and very potent agent, extends so widely in circumference that the physician who does not use or employ it leaves out of his practice a remedy far more universal than the whole practice of medicine.

It is not my purpose now to write at length and minutely on the different diseases, how they are treated, or what means are used to alleviate misery, nor give an elaborate account of the science of Electro-Therapeutics. I have a work in preparation which will treat on that subject, on all its points.

Diseases treated by Electro-Therapeutics.

In my practice, I have treated every form of disease Electropathically, but for the benefit of the suffering, I give here a list of the most common diseases, all of which I treat. Persons suffering from ailments not mentioned here, are invited to call or communicate a description of their case by letter; any reply in all cases will be consistent with my experience and knowledge, and strictly honest. Personal Consultations free of charge.

1. *Diseases of the Brain and Nervous System.* Congestion of the Brain, Paralysis, Hemiplegia, Paraplegia, many cases of Insanity, Neuralgia, Epileptic Fits, Hysteria, Nervousness, Palpitation of the Heart, Lockjaw, St. Vitus' Dance, Sciatica, Premature Decline.

2. *Diseases of the Eye and Ear.*—Ophthalmia, Iritis, Amaurosis, Cataract, Cross Eye, Impaired Vision, Deafness, Paralysis of the Ear, Roaring in the Head, etc.

3. *Diseases of the Respiratory System.*—Swelled Tonsils, Throat Diseases, Catarrh, Aphonia or Loss of Voice, Cough, Consumption in its first stage, Influenza, Asthma, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Intercostal and Chest Rheumatism, etc.

4. *Diseases of the Digestive System.*—Dyspepsia, Colic, Constipation in all forms, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Diseases of the Liver, Spleen and Pancreas, Fever and Ague, Cancerous Affection, Flatulence, Piles, Prolapsus Ani, etc.

5. *Cutaneous Skin or Blood Diseases.*—Eruptions generally, Scrofulous Sores, Sore Head, Tetters, Leprosy, Boils, Carbuncles, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Pustular Affections making their appearance on the face.

6. *Diseases of the Fibrous and Muscular System.*—Acute and Chronic Rheumatism, Dyspeptic and Rheumatic Gout, Stiff Neck, Lumbago, White Swellings, Synovitis, Hip Disease, Curvature of Spine, Cancers, Tumors, Polypus, Contracted and Rigid Muscles, etc.

7. *Diseases of the Urinary and Genital System.*—Dropsy, Gravel, Diabetes, Inflammation of Bladder, Suppression of Urine, Scalding Urination, and all Kidney Complaints, Seminal Weakness and Impotence from whatever cause.

Galvanic Applications.—Galvanic Baths.

In my practice I use galvanism to a very great extent, and especially the baths. I apply it whenever it is advisable. Aside from the curative power and medical virtue the baths are very agreeable and invigorating. I have improved its application and made quite a number of cures by and through this very powerful agent. I use it very extensively in cases, which have been given up as incurable. In Sciatica Rheumatism it has no equal in conquering the disease. In Inflammatory Rheumatism it is the only agent to cure it; sometimes only a few applications are necessary. In Asthmatic affection it restores the respiratory organ to its natural functions, sometimes very speedily. And in Bronchial difficulties and severe coughing it is healing and soothing. It is used in many other cases. But it is also highly necessary to have the application made scientifically or else it will be not only of no avail, but also very dangerous.

In the treatment of Infectious Blood poisoning by the Galvanic application, a gentleman writes to me as follows:

“I believe it to be more certain than the Hot Springs of Arkansas, and much less expensive. I wish I could say to every person, who has this deadly poison in his body, to go and have it eradicated. Its ravages will surely commence, when health declines or old age comes on. No medicines taken into the stomach can help it.”

In fever and ague, I have used it to the greatest advantage. I have had Ladies and Gentlemen troubled with this disease many months who had taken Quinine and other medical remedies without end, but without any beneficial results. These patients were often restored in two or three treatments, and the disease never returned again. All that is necessary to cure this disease is to restore equal circulation, and establish again Electrical balance of power. Galvanic applications in this disease is the sure remedy.

Hip Disease.

A severe case of Hip disease came under my own observation and charge (September, 1877). A boy, about seven years old, a promising son of a worthy mechanic in Providence, R. I., was brought to me suffering from this most fearful trouble. It was indeed a forlorn hope. He had been under the charge and treatment of the best talent in Boston and New York, for several years, without any benefit whatsoever,—in fact the disease had grown beyond the control of the Doctors in the ordinary way. The parents had the boy previous to coming here, under the treatment of Electricity for a long while, and after doing all the Doctor could do without any benefit, he advised the parent to have one Electric machine bought, and by his advice the treatment was continued at the boy's home in Providence. But it was not of any earthly use, nothing seemed to help. The parents despairing of ever seeing their

favorite son restored, my treatment was brought to their notice, and although they had not any confidence in it, they consented to have their son brought to my place, and it was their last hope. Not anything would they ever try any more if this my treatment failed. But it did not fail. From a crippled and sickly condition, I brought him out to be a healthy, blooming and fine-looking boy, with his hip disease entirely cured, and health perfectly restored. The parents were not disappointed; they need employ no other physician, and the expense although it was large, the outlay of money almost too great for a Providence mechanic, was very cheerfully given as a thank-offering for the full restoration of their child and favorite son.

Catarrh Cured.

The son of a prominent merchant of this city was placed under my care (April, 1878) who suffered with catarrh which had been of several years' standing. The young man had been under the treatment of medicine for over two years without the desired result. After my giving about twenty-five applications without using any medicine he was entirely and permanently cured. This is the statement of the father who came to see me about June 20th, that his son's health in a general way was better than ever before in his life. He was also troubled with Catarrhal Headache, so much so that it interrupted his studies, which now has also left him entirely.

Cure of Tetters.

A lady from Philadelphia made the following statement to me. "For thirty-five years I had been afflicted with Tetters. Although I used every known Remedy to cure me, yet nevertheless I found none. I gave up Doctoring altogether, and had made up my mind that there was not any help for it. Physicians one after the other had to give me up as incurable. I found you through my brother-in-law whom you cured of dyspepsia. You pronounced me curable, and after ten months' treatment I was really and truly cured, of this most loathsome of all diseases. I am now in good health, and have been ever since I was cured three years ago. Your treatment of Galvanism has not only cured me, but strengthened me, built up my system, and purified my blood."

This lady is ever ready to testify in my favor and to the efficacy of my treatment.

Cure of Inflammatory Rheumatism.

A Lady writes to me that I cured her entirely in twelve treatments of a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism of about two months' standing. The pain she suffered was intense. She had been under the treatment of medicine (old and new school), but without doing anything to relieve her. The last Physician she had advised her to come to me, which she did with the above result. Galvanism has proved to be about the only valuable remedy in this painful and dangerous disease, as

many cures can testify, and it is the *only reliable remedy* in the hands of the progressing Physician.

Bronchial Inflammation.

A gentleman, a merchant on Broadway, verbally made the statement voluntarily,—that for thirteen years he took by the advice of his family physician the Russian baths in a case of Chronic Bronchitis, which certainly alleviated the evil to some extent, but from time to time, at short intervals, he was afflicted very much with paradoxical coughing for hours at the time, especially at nights, for which his physician could not give him any relief nor a remedy—finally this gentleman came to me, and in fifteen visits to my office he said: “I have found *more relief and easiness* from coughing from your Galvanic applications than I ever found in thirteen years using the Russian baths, or by taking medicine, and I feel indeed, that I can be cured. I have no more coughing at nights, nor hardly any in day time.”

Dyspepsia.

A lady from Hoboken, N. J., who had been afflicted with *Dyspepsia* for more than twelve years, and who had exhausted all known remedies, was relieved in about two months entirely. So was also a German gentleman, who has a business on Broadway, and who had extensively travelled in Germany, France and England to find relief of a severe chronic case of Dyspepsia of fifteen years' standing, which has resisted the remedies of the very best talent of the three countries, found at last relief through my applications of Galvanism at my office.

Sciatica Rheumatism,

Which has existed for over one year without relief from any mode of treatment old and new school, was entirely cured in a gentleman from the Buckingham Hotel, this city, by my mode of treatment, without the use of medicines.

Diphtheria.

The worst foe to human existence in the young, is sure to find relief and is cured entirely by my application. A young lady, nineteen years old, who was afflicted with it so much, so that her life was despaired of, and the ordinary treatment by her physician did not do any more good; was not expected to live, when I was called in, and found her in a very bad state; she could not talk, nor could she hardly draw her breath; she was in great danger of suffocation before another twelve hours—thirty-five minutes application relieved every one in that household of all anxiety. The next day she was so much restored as to come to my office, and two days after entirely well. I gave her not any medicine.

Another remarkable case of Diphtheria came under my charge about one year ago, in a young man on Fifth Avenue, who was actually given up by

his family to die. I restored him entirely without the use of medicine, in twelve hours; he is another living witness to my mode of treatment.

A young man, a clerk in one of our largest shoe houses down town, came to me to assist him, because he had very weak eye-sight, in fact it was almost gone. He had tried every means to restore it, but all treatments had done him "*not any good*;" he was advised to take rest, but his eye-sight seemed to be on the decline, and he had made up his mind to lose it. He was sent to me, and in three months treatment under my care his eye-sight was entirely brought back to its full power, and continues all right up to this date.

I could enlarge on this subject and could give more cases, very interesting, indeed, to the reader, had I space to do it in, but I have given a few, the object being to call attention to the treatment by Electro-Therapeutics—it is not generally known, most people are entirely ignorant on this most important point of healing the sick by this invincible *force and power*. How shall they know about it? The work and writings of men on the science are not generally within the reach of the general public—and how can they be reached but by the press—by a small publication like this; and to bring it before them in the right way, to avoid all ostentation, all show, all extravagant language, and to bring it before every one in a plain way, so all can understand it.

A lady of high social standing, here in this city, who had been afflicted for more than four years with *Prolapsus Uteri*, came about one month ago under *my charge*. After about two weeks' treatment she felt almost restored, and exclaimed, "How was it I did not hear of your treatment long before this? I have suffered so much, the best doctors in New York could not give me any relief, although they have done their very best to help me. I was left without resource and in despair, but now I do feel my own self again."

Many say almost the same words and induce me to make it more generally known, that many cases given up by other physicians can mostly be brought back to their former health and activity.

Asthma.

Asthma is a paroxysmal affection of the respiratory organs, characterized by a great difficulty of breathing, tightness and oppression of the chest, and a sense of impending suffocation. In some cases the laborious breathing is accompanied with a wheezing sound and constriction in the throat, with cough and expectoration. The causes producing this state of the system are many, but I find the most prominent to be paralysis of the diaphragm.

I have controlled the very worst forms of this disease in a few applications, where the patient has been compelled to sleep in a sitting posture for weeks. Medical men well know that this disease sets at defiance their most potent remedies. Electricity, on the contrary, when applied

according to this discovery, at once removes the stricture, polarizes the respiratory nerves, and quiet nervous irritability; and will permanently remove the most refractory case.

St. Vitus' Dance.

This difficulty, so common to youth, is caused by a want of proper harmony or balance in voluntary and involuntary brain and nervous system. An equalization of the electrical forces removes the difficulty, which is not unfrequently accomplished in a single application.

Diabetes.

This disease is prevalent to an alarming extent; it is peculiar in its manifestations. Two kinds of diabetes show themselves in the human system; *diabetes insipidis* and *diabetes mellitus*. In both cases of the disease the system has lost its vitality; the elasticity and buoyancy of body and spirit is gone, and the medical practitioner is at a stand-still, and in fact, not any kind of medicine has ever had any effect in curing the malady.

In *diabetes insipidis*, the desire for food and for drink is not so much as in *diabetes mellitus*. In the latter the thirst is intense, the digestive organs are deranged, the skin dry and harsh, great debility, with morbid and unnatural appetite, attended with swellings and coldness of feet, inflammation and pain in the urinary organs. In both cases of diabetes my mode of treatment is all-sufficient in healing the diseased condition, restoring secretive powers, and to bring the whole system into a healthy state.

Female Complaints.

The degeneracy of our female population is already exciting the most anxious solicitude, and unless a radical change is soon instituted in the habits and customs of female life, health will bid a mournful farewell to our successors. Complaints common to females are alarmingly on the increase, and their sufferings are intolerable. The causes conspiring to bring about this state of things are numerous, and too frequently the result of folly and indiscretion on the part of the individual.

No one complaint contributes so largely to female suffering as *prolapsus uteri*, or falling of the womb. It is, in fact, the canker-worm, sapping the very foundation of health and vitality. The womb—being the grand nucleus of womanhood, sympathizing with every other part of the body, communicating with the brain through the medium of the spine, and sympathetic—when diseased or displaced must necessarily produce terrible sufferings of body and mind only known to woman. This complaint being the result of weakness and relaxation, no permanent relief can be anticipated till the vital energies are restored and

muscular contraction fully established; then the womb, as a consequence, will return to its natural position.

The ordinary treatment of this disease is most barbarous. No pessary, truss, or supporting arrangement ever has or ever can restore the lost energies, or remove the cause of the difficulty.

In no instance are the curative powers of electricity more strikingly illustrated than in this complaint; the causes speedily eradicated through the manipulations of the scientific electrician.

Premature Decline.

Ninety per cent. of the male population of the United States are afflicted with nervous debility, or weakness and decline. The cause of it is to be found in improper training, bad habits, sedentary occupation, the use of stimulants, other excess in married life, reading of novelettes, and worst of all, by the *crime committed which has no name*. It manifests itself in three forms, and presents itself to the practitioner as follows: (1.) The ducts or parts are so weak that the secretions pass off with the urine or at stool. (2.) The irritation of the lower portion of the spinal cord, and weakness in the back and limbs. (3.) Mental disturbance, cerebral disease, existing in company with the above condition.

This fearful disease is amenable to good treatment. Medicine has never done any good; those afflicted with this, the worst foe to human existence, fully well know, and the records of our insane asylums can answer. Notwithstanding the many valuable remedies that medical science has produced for the relief of this class of patients, none of the ordinary treatments ever have effected a cure. The recuperative powers of Electricity as a restorative are truly astonishing; more good has been done in this fearful disease by the use of it, and proper application in it, and more lives have been saved by it so as to entitle it to be used and applied by every practical physician in the world.

Rheumatism.

Of all the harrowing diseases incident to humanity, rheumatism may be considered the champion tormentor. Unlike most complaints, which give timely notice of their visitation, it steals with the subtlety of a robber, upon its victim, not only rendering him helpless, but inflicting upon him the most insufferable agony. Rheumatism is so deceptive in its character, and assumes such a variety of pathological phases that even the skillful electrician has to proceed with the greatest caution. It is true that in some cases it yields to almost any kind of electric action, while in others its subjugation requires the highest skill of the experienced operator. Not only is it necessary to distinguish between its acute and chronic stages, but the age, health, habits, temperament, and predisposition of the patient must be considered. Nothing in the realm

of therapeutics can at all compare with electricity as a safe, speedy, and permanent means of relief. Its action not only arrests its ravages in its incipency, but, after it has become seated, it relieves the pain, removes the inflammation, reduces the swelling, and restores the muscles and joints to their natural suppleness. Moreover, when the rheumatic tendency is properly reduced by this treatment, the ordinary danger of recurrence is obviated, the system being restored to its normal condition.

Dyspepsia.

There is no disease in the entire catalogue of ailments that presents so great a variety of phases as dyspepsia. No one of its victims are affected alike. Such is the sympathy existing between the stomach and the brain, that all dyspeptics are more or less mentally deranged.

A dyspeptic stomach not only causes despondency, loss of memory, and dark forebodings, but sometimes the strangest hallucinations. Electricity, in its proper application, is adapted to every dyspeptic phase. I have cured cases, by my electrical arrangements, of long standing—given up as beyond all hope of even relief.

Bronchitis.

This painful and alarming affliction of the bronchial ramifications once seated, has heretofore resisted all known remedies, and worried its victim to a premature grave. From the action of the electro-negative its ravages are instantly arrested, and, after a few applications of electricity, the difficulty is entirely removed, and the affected parts restored to their natural healthfulness.

Paralysis.

This disease may be considered as partial death, or the half-way house to the spirit-land. It may be partial or complete, local or general. It sometimes disables the entire one side of the body, at other times one or both of the lower limbs; or it may seat itself upon a particular organ of the brain, the liver, the kidneys, or any other locality; but wherever it is located there will be a partial or total loss of nervous power, and an inability to control the part.

For this complaint it is needless to say that electricity is the only means of relief. In the treatment of this disease great care must be observed, not only in the change of polarity, but equally so in the selection of an apparatus, as a misapplication not unfrequently complicates the case, making the paralysis complete when only partial. In all cases where there is no material injury, and the trouble is not of long standing, and the patient possesses the power of reaction, paralysis of either the motor or sensitive nerves can be speedily removed through proper electrical agencies.

Neuralgia.

The brain, face, limbs, or, in fact, any part of the body, is liable to be attacked by this painful affection, producing the most excruciating pain, admitting of no compromise by day or night. I have cured cases of years' standing, in a few applications, that had been bled, blistered, cupped, leeches, and subjected to the most powerful nervines, producing in some cases partial paralysis.

Consumption.

Notwithstanding the popular idea that this complaint is incurable, all cases in the first, and many in the second stage, can be permanently relieved by the proper use of electricity.

Constipation.

This stubborn malady, only aggravated by drugs and medicines, readily yields to the electric treatment. I frequently remove obstructions of years' standing in a single application.

Hemorrhage.

I find no difficulty in arresting all ordinary cases of hemorrhage by the influence of electricity, and in preventing the recurrence of the same.

Nervous Affections.

There are none in the long catalogue of diseases recognized as affections of the nervous system, but what are largely on the increase in this country; becoming more frequent and terrible in their nature. The number of persons who are exempt from their effects are small. How often do we hear people complaining of Neuralgia in its various forms, sick or nervous headache, Saint Vitus' dance, and the long string of nervous diseases that we meet in every day practice.

Day after day, we meet with patients racked, twisted, almost destroyed with these life-destroying ailments. But progress in the science of electricity as a Therapeutic agent, is doing much to relieve suffering humanity of its greatest enemy. Still thousands of persons drag out a miserable existence for the want of a proper knowledge as to how they can best get relief, and to whom they can with confidence apply for proper treatment. Much of the difficulties arise, as a general thing, from over-exhaustion of the brain and the nervous system, dyspepsia and physical prostration, though sometimes from injuries of parts.

In my practice, the Therapeutics of nervous affections have received great attention, and it is truly remarkable, that by the sure means of Electrical Diagnosis we are ever ready to detect the causes which derange and unbalance the nervous system, and when correctly diagnosed, half

the disease is conquered, and the effects in the form of neuralgic and nervous affections are soon under control. The most cases need suffer but a short time. The enlightened and specific treatment by electricity, as applied by me, has robbed many of these diseases of their terror.

I have had the most aggravated cases under my care. Some who were on the verge of the grave have been rescued and brought back to a perfect state of health. It is time that those who are suffering from nervous or any other form of disease, inquire into the subject and my new modes of treatment. People ask for relief, and to whom can they go but to the scientific physician? My new mode in the application of Electricity, is receiving a just appreciation from those who have been fully restored to their usual health, and by the subtle agent of Electricity as a Therapeutic, My success needs no comment. All who may chance to read this, and are afflicted with either acute or nervous diseases can receive speedy and permanent relief.

Catarrh.

This disease affects the mucous membrane in the form of an inflammation, and attacks the mucous membrane in some portions of the air passage, characterized by sneezing, watery discharge from the nostrils, increased secretions from the lachrymal glands, slight headache; heavy, dull feeling in the head, chilliness, fever, hoarseness and cough, sore throat, arrested secretions, furred tongue, thirst, loss of appetite, accelerated circulation, lassitude.

Different names are applied to it as it affects particular parts, hence, Coryza, if it affects the Schneiderian membrane, causing violent sneezing; Catarrhal Cephalalgia (or Catarrhal Headache), when it affects the frontal sinus; Bronchitis (or Inflammation of the Bronchial Tubes), when the stress falls on the Trachea or the Tubes. Catarrh, properly speaking, affects the mucous lining of the nose and throat, and is extremely prevalent, and considered very difficult to remedy. Persons of a strumous (or scrofulous diathesis), or any morbid peculiarity of constitution, are most liable to this form of disease; hence we find the disease of a low, chronic type, and requiring a specific treatment by some form of Electricity. In addition to the symptoms mentioned, the discharge from the nostrils may be acrid and saline, producing excoriation of the parts over which it passes, sometimes producing an eruption which is very annoying upon the lips, and in a few days the acute symptoms begin to subside, or the disease may pass into a chronic form, or Tonsillitis. Bronchitis may supervene.

If catarrhal inflammation has been very violent in a scrofulous person, ulceration is the result. In its primary condition catarrh consists in a specific irritation of the mucous surface of the nostrils, extending through the head.

Fauces (Throat). Much has been said and written upon the cause, effect and cure of Catarrh. By many it is considered incurable, and those who are suffering from this malady for years, and have tried and exhausted all the so called catarrhal remedies, are almost ready to adopt the conclusion that it is incurable. But recent discoveries in the application of Electricity—to Faradization or Galvanism this disease yields readily, as has been proven in hundreds of cases, and, in fact, is the only reliable agent yet known, that dries up the morbid secretions, and restores strength to the affected membranes.

Atrophy (or Muscle Wasting.)

Is a progressive or morbid diminution of the whole body, or a part of it, due to a variety of causes. Atrophy (or Degeneration of the Body), belongs to certain diseases, as Marasmus (a wasting of flesh); special or partial atrophy is more common.

For example, it is well known that for the maintenance of health, all parts of the human fabric must have a certain amount of physical exercise, an indispensable healthy stimulus. If the brain is not exercised, it becomes sluggish, and its faculties impaired; tie up a limb, and it withers and wastes; and to overwork the same penalty is attached. Use the brain excessively, to such a degree that the system is unable to repair it, and it will become degenerated.

In both atrophy from overwork and atrophy from ulceration, the defect is a want of construction. Overworked tissue is altogether different from underworked tissue; in the latter no demand is made for constructing power, but in the former a demand is made but cannot be supplied; and again, in the latter the nerve force, which should guide and govern the transformation, is left unawakened, while in the former it has been used to excess, and becomes exhausted, and as no new supply of muscular fibre is laid in, the whole degenerates into inelastic fibre, and finally into a pale, fatty tissue, of low vitality. The power of nerve force over the muscles is capable of being increased by education, so that it may continue to hold or brace it up more and more; but the muscle can only be increased to certain proportions, and when the nerves have learned to exercise them up to their highest intensity, or full force, they are incapable of further improvement, if the exertion is continued beyond a normal standard. The nerve force expands itself exciting the continuous action or function of the muscles; destruction is in excess of construction.

The nerve force is capable of indefinite improvement, but the organ or limb which the nerve supplies, cannot be made stronger than it was originally, and when it is overstrained or overworked it degenerates.

• The most common examples of atrophy are where it occurs in one set of muscles, from special and partial use. Muscles affected with atrophy are unnaturally soft, withered, and pale in appearance.

Atrophy is often the result of paralysis, malarial affections, certain other poisons of lead, syphilis, mercury; it may also result from various circumstances; inactivity, inflammation, spasm, defective innervation. Atrophy, or muscular wasting, may be general or local; when it is general, it may be caused by some disease, as a fever; when local, generally some nerve injury, nerve exhaustion, as pressure, bruise, strain, monotonous work.

The progress of atrophy is slow, but decided—fibre by fibre, bundle by bundle, and then muscle by muscle; and as this atrophy goes on, fatty degeneration is complete—electro-muscular contractility is gone.

The treatment of this disease must be based upon the pathology; the affected part should have perfect rest, and then improve the general health, use thorough hygiene, local rest, cold douche baths, friction with the aid of Electricity.

In this disease there is nothing that will bring about a change like Electricity, applied in a practical manner.

The Electric Treatment of this disease is, to cause the muscles to contract as strongly and repeatedly as possible, to cause dilation of the capillaries at one moment, and the contraction of the blood vessels at another, and thus attract to and urge more blood through those tissues, to warm and nourish them, and by an action of Faradization, the usual process of animal chemistry be thus broken up, nature aided, the ever-ready laws of vitality arranged and maintained.

CURE OF NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA.

DR. WM. R. de KRAFT, 30 W. 30th St., City.

DEAR DOCTOR: I think you ought to make use of my certificate, with my name and address, so dys-peptic people can apply to me to verify all you say in your pamphlet on the cure of dyspepsia. Four years ago I was sent to you by a doctor who had treated me, but could do nothing for me and gave me up as incurable.

I had previous to that many physicians in France, Germany, England, and America. For fifteen long years I was tormented with this fearful malady. Medicines, dieting—nothing done me any good, and until I came to you, I had to suffer every day. You told me that I should follow your advice implicitly in everything, and above all things I should not take any medicine whatsoever. After making the diagnosis you pronounced me curable (if I followed your advice), and herewith make certification that you used *only* galvanism to perfect the cure in me. I took about 80 treatments, and four years have testified that you made a permanent cure. While I was under your treatment and when I had sometimes to wait in your office, I had conversations with some of your patients; and it was often to my astonishment how much you had been successful in curing chronic diseases of all kind and type, and that you could control them so successfully. My wife, who placed herself under your treatments, afterward found relief in her nervous trouble, after her own physician had failed.

Yours truly,

JOHN B. SAALMANN.

No. 1206 Broadway, New York, Oct. 24th. 1881.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss:

John B. Saalmann being duly sworn deposes and says that the contents of the above letter are true.

JOHN B. SAALMANN.

Sworn to before me this 24th day of October, A. D. 1881.

Certificate filed N. Y. County.

JOHN C. R. ECKERSON,

Notary Public, Rockland Co.

WHAT PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW!

A few years ago, a well-known gentleman of West Philadelphia, stepped into my office for consultation in a case of severe Dyspepsia. I had never before seen the gentleman, but the peculiar way and expression of countenance plainly indicated the drift of his thoughts—half doubting, half believing; yet the way he addressed himself to me was so comical that I could not help smiling at his hesitancy, whether he should sit down or stand up, after he had been invited to do the former. He said: "Is this the place, and are you the doctor who cures dyspepsia without giving any medicine?" I answered in the affirmative that this was the place, and that I cured by the application of electricity and galvanism alone, if any cure was possible. He stated, after taking a seat: "I have been afflicted with chronic dyspepsia about twelve years. I have, in the meantime, tried every known remedy and a number of physicians, and instead of getting better, I grew worse all the time. I am tired of medicine and physicians, and, as a last resource, I am here to hear what you have to say, and how you can help people without giving them any medicine, and how you can help me?" I assured him that his case was far from being so very deplorable, and that I thought he could be helped if he would submit to treatment *my way*, without the use of any medicine, to follow my directions implicitly.

I found that I had gained his confidence, and, with a reassured look, he asked the question: "How does your mode of treatment operate on the system? Is it painful? does it give shocks? can injury be done by its application? and how is the cure made by the current? What is electricity, any way?"

To these questions I answered that children and the most delicate female can submit to it, and it is rather agreeable than otherwise; it does never give any pain, and shocks are *never* known to be given by an experienced operator and a practical physician. It will certainly be an injury if it is handled by inexperience; and it should be applied *only* by a regular physician, who knows how to make a diagnosis, and who also knows *what* current to apply and how to apply it; and a practical physician will also know that disease of any sort or form is nothing more and nothing less than an unbalanced, disturbed electrical condition in the human body; and it is the duty of this *very physician* to bring back the balance of power; and as soon as that is done, disease cannot exist

in the human system. This is the way cures are made. To your question, "What is electricity?" I can answer you that it is universal; it surrounds us all the time; it is in the air we take into our lungs; it gives us life and strength; it makes the grass, the flowers, and the grain grow; the water that encircles the earth would be nothing less than a putrid mass; no fish in the water could live without it, nor any creature on the face of the earth,—in fact, our globe, upon which we live, holds its assigned place in the heavens, what we call space, through this very power of electricity (attraction and repulsion). The affinity it holds to our well-being, to our health and happiness, is unaccountable; it is adapted to all the diseases with which we are more or less troubled. Electricity is divided into two distinct parts; I define it as follows: electro-magnetic and electro-galvanic. It is not generally known as such, but it ought to be known. Even some physicians do not know the use of the latter, although they may have full control of the former, to handle it with efficiency, to control disease by its application alone. But by the use of electro-galvanism we come into a much higher sphere of the medical practice. Diseases that could not be controlled by electro-magnetic treatment, can now entirely be done by the use of galvanism. Its applications require closer and longer studies, and they are as varied as the medical practice itself; for every form of disease has a different form of application. Then I have the Galvano-Chemical Bath, the use of which requires a perfect knowledge of Chemistry, and the different uses of chemicals in connexion with the galvanic current, which entirely decomposes the chemicals, and brings them to the use of my knowledge, and the applications of the different forms of diseases in close connexion with the diagnosis I have already made.

After giving all these facts to the gentleman, he went under treatment, and in about six weeks was free from his chronic dyspepsia. He afterwards sent to me his wife for the cure of neuralgia, and his sister-in-law, who had been troubled thirty-five years with Tetters, a blood disease, whom I entirely and positively cured of this fearful malady by the Electro-Galvanic application. This gentleman became one of my warmest supporters, and has done very much in diffusing a sound and perfect knowledge among his friends and relatives concerning the use of electricity and galvanism, and its numerous applications. A great number of people have never heard of such a thing as to cure disease by electricity and galvanism alone. It requires actual experience. Persons who have been cured by it when all and everything else failed will speak of it, and their testimony is convincing proof.

This gentleman's parting words are: "I recommend the treatment to all, old and young, male or female, and *especially to the advanced in years* when they need building up and to be made stronger in body and in mind."

DR. DEKRAFT:

DEAR SIR:—I desire to add my testimony to the efficacy of Galvanism and Electricity as administered at your hands. I had been a great sufferer from Catarrh in the head for several years, and had tried many doctors and various remedies without receiving any benefit; on the contrary, continued to grow worse, until finally I could not sleep, but was obliged to walk the streets at night to get temporary relief from the terrible suffering I endured. At last I applied to a doctor who told me plainly, after he had also failed with his medicine that medicines would do me no good, and advised me as a last resort to call on you. I took his advice, and from the first few treatments you gave me I experienced relief and continued to improve with each treatment until I was entirely cured, taking in all about twenty-five treatments. I am now in the best of health; have never had a recurrence of that loathsome disease from which I have to thank you for having relieved me. It is now two years since I was cured.

Very gratefully yours,

WILLIAM R. ZELT, 14 Bleecker Street.

State of New York, }
City and County of New York, } ss:

On this twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, personally came before me William R. Zelt, known to me, and to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing letter, and he acknowledged that he executed the same.

THEODORE FELDSTEIN,
Notary Public, New York County.

JERSEY CITY, No. 20 CHARLES STREET, }
March 8, 1876. }

DR. de KRAFT, No. 30 West 30th Street, New York:

I write this certificate to you so you may be able to publish it in your paper or pamphlet. I came to you just three weeks ago to be relieved and cured of a Rheumatic Neuralgia pain I have had for over two years in my arm and shoulder, so much that I could not move it, or do any work, nor could I sleep. I have tried many doctors and their remedies, but with no avail, to restore me, and when I came to you I felt very bad indeed, but after you made the application, I was free from any pain and felt entirely cured. I came afterwards to see you, but all the difficulty had vanished on the first application. Hoping you may do good to others as you have done to me, and any one who should like to learn the correctness of this, my certificate, I shall certainly endorse Dr. de Kraft, and his mode of treatment, and I think, and have confidence, that he can cure more people who are sick than any physician in New York, and I do not wonder that he created enmity among a certain class of practitioners.

ANNA MARIA CARROLL,

Sworn before me at New York City, this eighth day of March, 1876.

[L. S.]

GEORGE E. JARDINE,

Notary Public, City and County of New York.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18, 1873.

DR. de KRAFT:

Dear Sir—Your thorough application of galvanism in about twelve treatments entirely restored me to my usual health and strength. As you know, I was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism of about two months' standing. I could not move about, and could not do anything. The pain I suffered was intense. Before I came to you I tried both the old and new school physicians, but they could not do anything to free me from pain, nor the inflamed condition I was in. The last physician I had, advised me to come to you, and you have done wonders with my rheumatism. It is now about six weeks since I first came to you, and I continue quite well. Any one who is similarly afflicted as I have been, let them call on Dr. de K., who will help them (if there is any cure possible); and if there is any one who wishes to address me, I will answer them, to indorse Dr. de Kraft's treatment.

PHILADELPHIA, April, 1876.

It is almost a year now since I first applied to you, and I continue quite well, and cheerfully give you this certificate.

MARGARETTA EICHEL,

1624 Hutchinson Street.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of April, A. D. 1876.

BENTON O. SEVERN.

CURE OF SCIATICA RHEUMATISM.

HOFFMAN HOUSE, NEW YORK, }
January 31, 1879. }

DEAR DOCTOR:

For over two years I was afflicted with Sciatica Rheumatism; I tried every known remedy and every doctor, whom I thought would be a good doctor in that line, to cure me, but without any relief. What was I to do? I submitted to my pain and to my agony. If I moved about at all it was only with the aid of crutches, and it was very hard labor at the best to walk with the help of them. The pain I experienced at night was fearful; I could not sleep at night without taking large doses of opium: so, by degrees, I got to be a regular opium eater; but I was obliged to do so in order to gain an hour's rest. In this helpless condition of pain and misery, I was sent to you by the Porter of the Hoffman House, whom you also helped from a severe Rheumatic attack. I came to your house to live in order that you might have me in full charge day and night, and, to my surprise and astonishment, the pain and Rheumatism entirely left me in about twenty-four applications. I could, after a few treatments, sleep at night without the use of the opium, and do not feel the want of using it any more. It is now three months since I left your house entirely cured, and I am as well as I was before I was attacked, and my general health a great deal better. I speak for you and your treatment wherever I am, and I hope I may be able to direct some of the afflicted to come to see you.

Yours, thankfully,

ALFRED WALKER.

To DR. de KRAFT,
80 West 80th Street, City.

CURE OF JAUNDICE.

MANAYUNK, PHILADELPHIA, July 1, 1878.

DR. de KRAFT:

Dear Sir—You can make use of my name and certificate in your Journal, that you have entirely cured me of a severe attack of Jaundice, with which I was afflicted for over two months. I had several physicians, who could not do anything to cure me, or even relieve me. I was advised by my friends, after all medicine had failed and I stood on the brink of the grave, to try electricity. I did try it. I was under treatment of an eminent electric physician three weeks in Philadelphia; but instead of getting better I grew worse. Any one would have thought that this trial of electricity would have been enough, and I was about giving up everything, with no hope in this world of recovery, when I heard of you, Dr. de Kraft. You were recommended to me so highly by ladies and gentlemen whom you had cured, that I placed myself under your care and treatment at once—six treatments, which you gave me in about two weeks. I was entirely cured. After the evil was removed by you and your galvanism and mode of application, I lost all yellowness of the skin, which was as deeply yellow as brass; I regained my appetite and strength, and have gained thirty pounds since I was cured. It is now four months since I had my last treatment, and I am in a better state of health than I was previous to my severe sickness. This recovery, dear sir, was entirely unexpected; all my friends, my husband, mother and sisters gave me up, and had not any idea of my ever being well again; and it seemed to me myself as rising up from the dead. Thanks to you, I am living, and can be referred to.

I am, dear sir, ever yours thankfully,

MRS. M. C. McCALLEN,
4425 Main Street, Manayunk, Philadelphia.

CURE OF MALARIA AND PROSTRATION.

DR. de KRAFT, 30 W. 30th Street, City.

DEAR SIR:—It is now a year since I applied to you to find relief of malaria and debility. My uncle who recommended me to come to you, had also been a great sufferer from the same cause, and you cured him. Consequently, I came to you with confidence, and I write this letter and certificate with the hope that it will inspire others who are sufferers from the same malady and cannot find relief in medicine, to come to you. My case was simply this: I was employed as book-keeper in a large importing house down town, 19 months ago; my work was severe, and had to work long hours, the ventilation defective, bad plumbing engendered sewer gas into the building; and as my nerves were weak I fell a prey to its poison. At first I used medicine, but it did not help me, and as I continued to be quite sick I lost my place as book-keeper, which event was perhaps my salvation. My uncle took me to his home, and the first thing he did was to bring me to you. Although utterly helpless, however, you soon brought me out of this helpless condition, and after taking about fifty treatments I was entirely cured, and continue so now—never had another attack of it. You did not give me any medicine whatsoever. I cheerfully give you my name and address for reference to the afflicted.

CHRISTIAN EGGERS.

New York, Oct. 24, 1881.

No. 17 Hudson St.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. }

Christian Eggers being duly sworn deposes and says that the statements made by him in the letter above are true.

Sworn to before me this 26th day of October, A. D. 1881.

JOHN C. B. ECKERSON,
Notary Public, Rockland Co.

Certificate filed N. Y. Co.